

REMARKS**Summary of the Office Action**

The Specification has been objected to for various informalities.

The Drawings have been objected to because all the text labels regarding the function blocks in Figs. 1-5 are missing.

Claims 3, 4, 14, and 15 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, as allegedly containing subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to enable one skilled in the art to make and/or use the invention.

Claims 1-21 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as allegedly being indefinite.

Claims 1-7 and 10 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,641,927 to *Pawate* in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,915,237 to *Boss et al.*

Claim 8 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over *Pawate* in view of *Boss et al.*, and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,857,171 to *Kageyama et al.*

Claim 9 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over *Pawate* in view of *Boss et al.*, and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,712,437 to *Kageyama et al.* (hereinafter *Kageyama et al.*-2).

Claims 11-18 and 21 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over *Pawate* in view of *Boss et al.*, and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,712,437 to *Taniguchi et al.*

Claim 19 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over *Pawate* in view of *Boss et al.* and *Taniguchi et al.*, and further in view of *Kageyama et al.*

Claim 20 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over *Pawate* in view of *Boss et al.* and *Taniguchi et al.*, and further in view of *Kageyama et al.*-2.

Summary of the Response to the Office Action

Applicants respectfully traverse the rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph.

Applicants respectfully traverse the rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph.

Applicants respectfully traverse the rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a). Accordingly, claims 1-21 are presently pending for further consideration.

Request for Interview

Based upon the gratuitous tone of the Final Office Action dated September 12, 2008 and the Office's unwillingness to discuss the specifics of Applicants' claimed invention in a written Action, Applicants respectfully request an interview with the Examiner in order to advance prosecution of the present application. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner contact Applicants' undersigned representative as soon as this Amendment is received and entered, and the application is made available to the Examiner in order to arrange a mutually acceptable time with which to conduct an interview.

Objection to the Drawings

The Drawings have been objected to because all the text labels regarding the function blocks in FIG. 1 are missing. Applicants have submitted concurrently herewith a Submission of Replacement Drawings including text labels regarding the function blocks in FIG. 1. Accordingly, the objection to the Drawings should be withdrawn.